

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1463

By: Representative E. Armstrong  
By: Senator Irvin

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN CERTAIN  
MUNICIPAL ELECTIVE OFFICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

#### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN  
CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ELECTIVE OFFICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-45-103 is amended to read as follows:

14-45-103. Vacancies.

~~The town council shall have power to fill vacancies which may occur in elective offices of the town or on the council from qualified electors of the town, who shall hold their appointments until the next biennial election and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~ (a) When a vacancy occurs in the office of alderman in an incorporated town, at the first regular meeting after the occurrence of the vacancy, the town council shall elect by a majority vote of the town council an alderman to serve for the unexpired term.

(b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor in an incorporated town, at the first regular meeting after the occurrence of the vacancy, the town council shall:

(1) Elect by a majority vote of the aldermen a mayor to serve the unexpired term; or

(2)(A) Call for a special election to be held in accordance with § 7-11-101 et seq. to fill the vacancy.



(B) At the special election, a mayor shall be elected to complete the unexpired term.

*/s/E. Armstrong*

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